pending as on 1-6-1994.

(c) Action for disposing of these applications has been initiated.

Processing of Raw and Cashew Nuts

7709. SHRI V. GOPALSAWY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cashew nuts factories in each States, State-wise figures;

(b) how much raw cashew nuts was processed in these factories in each State during the last three years in each year;

(c) how many workers are employed presently in each State in these factories;

(d) whether it is a fact that cashew producers are not getting remunerative prices for their products if so, details thereof;

(e) what is the number of farmers co-operative societies in each State, State-wise figures;

(f) whether Central Government have taken steps to encourage farmers' co-operative societies to ensure remunerative prices for them; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (g) As cashew processing is being done mostly in the small scale and unorganised sector, information regarding State-wise number of units, quantum of processing, workers employed, number of cooperatives, etc. are not maintained centrally. However, as per the available information there are some 690 factories processing raw-cashew nuts in the country which are mostly located in the cashew producing States of Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Pondicherry and Tripura. State-wise production of raw-cashew nuts during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 are given in the statement (*See* below) in addition to processing of cashewnuts produced within the country, India also imports raw cashewnuts and process them in the factories. Import of raw cashewnuts in the years 1990-91, 1991-92 & 1992-93 were of the order of 82,639 MT, 1,06,322 MT and 1,33,293 MT respectively. Thus, the total amount of cashew processed in the country which is inclusive of processing of domestic raw cashew during the year 1990-91, 1991-92 & 1992-93 was estimated to be of the order of 3,77,299 MT, 4,11,632 MT and 4,82,683 MT respectively.

Statement

Production of Raw Cashew Nuts

(Unit: Metric Tonnes)

State	Years		
	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Kerala	1,42,100	1,43,200	1,51,600
Karnataka	25,770	26,750	31,260
Andhra Pradesh	37,770	40,360	44,880
Orissa	29,100	31,840	39,060
Maharashtra	29,510	31,960	25,590
Goa	14,100	14,490	33,810
Tamil Nadu	12,470	12,710	19,190
West Bengal	3,440	3,660	3,660
Pondicherry	280	290	290
Tripura	50	50	50
	2,994590	3,05,310	3,49,390

Setting up of National Marine Fisheries Development Board

7710. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up National Marine Fisheries Development Board for the overall development of fisheries sector; and

(b) if so, by when the Board is likely to come into being?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING